

OUTER COURT

communications

WICCA SEMINARY NEWS & VIEWS



ISSUE 6-84

OUR LADY OF ENCHANTMENT, BOX 1366, NASHUA, NH 03061

AUTUMN EQUINOX

AUTUMN EQUINOX

The Autumn Equinox occurs on the 22nd of September at 3:33 pm EST. This is a time of balance and equilibrium as the sun enters the sign of Libra. This is a time of rest from the labours of the growing season. Lughnasadh marked the actual gathering of the grain and crops, the harvest. However, in its sacrificial aspect, the Autumn Equinox marks the completion of the harvest and thanksgiving for abundance. Emphasis is on the return of that abundance.



Some things that come to mind during this time are leaves turning, bird migrations, wine making, harvesting corn, fruits and nuts. Time to spend with friends around the fire sharing food and drink as the chill of winter is anticipated.

Our purpose this night will be to thank our Lord and Lady for the harvest and ask their blessings upon that which has been set aside for future nourishment. At this time the seeds of desire that were planted during the Spring Equinox shall be realized and made manifest for those who sowed and nurtured in the true Wiccan spirit.

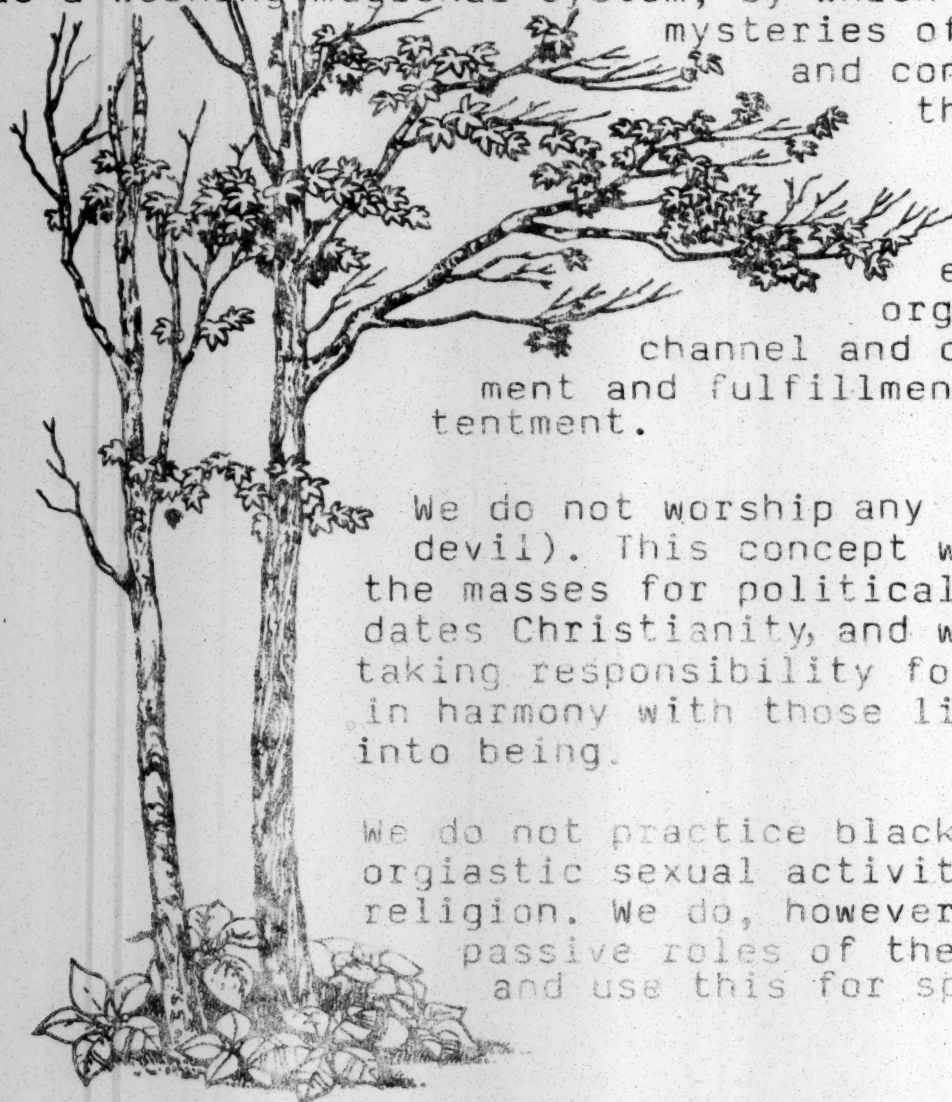
FOR THOSE THAT WANT TO KNOW WHAT "WITCHCRAFT" IS

WITCHCRAFT is an archaic & derogatory term applied to those members and followers of magickal-religious philosophies based on fertility cults of early Pagan/Celtic Britain.

WICCA is a much more positive description of those members who practice religious rites and adhere to those magickal philosophies of early Pagan-Celtic Britain.

Wicca stems from Indo-European roots of "Wic" and "Weik" meaning to bend or turn. Thus the Wicca was someone who was skilled in the process (Craft) of shaping, changing or bending reality. These people came to be known as the "Wicca Craft," the wise ones of the village. In time we see "Wicca Craft" debased and become "Witchcraft."

WICCA CRAFT the Craft of the wise ones, is a religious philosophy as well as a working magickal system, by which the initiate is introduced to the mysteries of the universe, being taught to use and control those elements and powers that are inherent in all things.



The purpose of our religion is to combine those forces, powers and elements that make up all living organisms, with those of the universe; channel and direct them for spiritual development and fulfillment, as well as for material contentment.

We do not worship any evil or negative force (i.e. Christian devil). This concept was invented to frighten and subdue the masses for political and religious control. Wicca predates Christianity, and works on a positive affirmation of taking responsibility for one's actions as well as living in harmony with those life forces that bring all things into being.

We do not practice black magick, sacrifice or indulge in orgiastic sexual activities under the guise of church or religion. We do, however, believe in the active and passive roles of the male and female aspect of deity and use this for spiritual evolvment, as well as an

cont. page 2

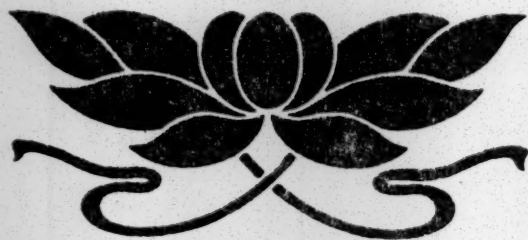
What Witchcraft Is
cont. from page 1

underlying-fundamental basis for our concept and relationship to the supreme force that created all life.

In our philosophy it is understood that men and women are not created equal. They are different, each with their own talents, capabilities and responsibilities. Each is respected according to their contribution to the group as a whole, their personal growth and evolution, and how they deal with and handle the mundane-material world. We believe in balance of gender, force and power along with equality of creative expression.

Man was not created in the image of God. God is the personification and manifestation of concepts, impressions and realization of inner truths and desires. Therefore, we look to higher forces with a positive attitude and use this to inspire, comfort and fulfill those aspirations and ambitions deep within our souls.

Lady Sabrina



GATHERINGS & SEMINARS

NORTHWEST FALL EQUINOX CELEBRATION

Sept. 22
Celebration will be held at Beacon Rock State Park, Skamania, WA. For more information write to Northwest Fall Equinox Celebration, PO Box 14015, Portland, OR 97214

WILD MAGICK GATHERING

Sept 21-23
Gathering at a private and protected site near Bloomington, Ind. Workshops, rituals, art, crafts and more. Sponsored by Elf Lore Family, PO Box 1082, Bloomington, IN 47402

TENTH ANNUAL HEALING ARTS FAIR

Oct. 5-8

Set in New England's magnificent fall foliage, healers of many disciplines gather to share their knowledge and experience. Workshops, demonstrations, crafts, community participation and more. For more information contact ANOTHER PLACE, Mattanohit Community, Rt 123, Greenville, NH 03048

SAMHAIN RITUAL & CELEBRATION

Oct 31

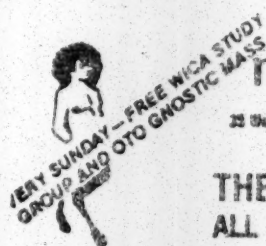
Our Lady Of Enchantment, invites students and members to our annual Samhain Ritual and celebration. Pumpkin carving, stories, songs and ritual to welcome in the Celtic New Year. For more information contact Our Lady Of Enchantment, Box 1366, Nashua, NH 03061

9th ANNUAL PAGAN SAMHAIN FESTIVAL

Nov 4

From noon to 6pm the entire block at Magickal Childe will be closed off for this event. Entertainers include Margot Adler, Triparath & Keeny, Jim Allan & Selena Fox. There will be a traditional Welsh Sabbat performed by Earthstar Coven. For more information contact Magickal Childe, 35 W. 19th St., NY NY 10011

WHEN SENDING FOR INFORMATION ABOUT GATHERINGS OR SEMINARS PLEASE INCLUDE A SASE.



EARTHSTAR CAMP OTO &

magickal childe

25 West 19th St

New York NY 10011

(212) 242-7182

PRESENTS

THE BIG APPLE MAGICKAL SUMMER
ALL IN PERSON WORKSHOPS & WEEKENDS

Sat. April 14 - Joanna Sherman
(Designer of the Sacred Rose Tarot)
Basic Tarot Workshop I (6 hours) - \$35

Sat. April 24 - Kate Ferraday/Moser.
Beginners Tarot Workshop I (6
hours) - \$35

April 27, 28 & 29 - Dr. Raymond Buck-
land: Sex Witch Weekend Work-
shop - \$150

Sat. May 5 - Max Thoth: Parapsychology
as a Science (6 hour workshop) - \$35

Sat. May 12 - Joanna Sherman: Sacred
Rose Tarot Advanced Workshop (6
hours) - \$35

May 18, 19 & 20 - Dr. Jim Hoskins: Voo-
doo, Hoodoo Weekend Workshop - \$150

Sat. May 26 - Max Thoth: Parapsychol-
ogy II (6 hour workshop) - \$35

June 1, 2 & 3 - Dr. Israel Regardie: Week-
end Workshop - \$150

Sat. June 9 - Dr. Leo Louis Martello: For-
tune Telling through Playing Cards (6
hour workshop) - \$35

June 15, 16 & 17 - Dr. Al P. Manning:
ESP Lab Weekend Workshop - \$150

June 22, 23 & 24 - Simon: Neoromantic
Weekend Workshop - \$150

June 29, 30 & 31 - Melissa Gonzalez Wip-
per: Samhain Weekend Workshop - \$150

July 7, 8 & 9 - Grady McMurtry (Cathol-
ic): Aleister Crowley Weekend Work-
shop - \$150

CALL FOR TIMES

July 13, 14 & 15 - Brad Steiger: Spiritual
Alchemy Weekend Workshop - \$150

July 20, 21 & 22 - Kenneth Anger: Magick
Lantern Cycle Lucifer Rising Weekend Work-
shop - \$150 (Films & Presentation)

Sat. July 20 - Kate Ferraday/Moser: Ad-
vanced Tarot (6 hours) - \$35

August 3, 4 & 5 - Gavin and Yvonne Frost:
School of Wicca Weekend Workshop - \$150

August 10, 11 & 12 - Janet and Stewart Far-
rar: What Witches Do Weekend Work-
shop - \$150

August 17, 18 & 19 - Sherel Ito & Lavinia
Williams: Divine Horseman Film, Haitian
Dance Demonstration & Weekend Work-
shop - \$150

Sat. August 25 - Lady Heather: Magickal
Mishaps or How to Fry Yourself (6 hour
workshop) - \$35

Sat. Sept. 1 - Simon: Enochian Magick
Workshop (6 hours) - \$35

Sept. 7, 8 & 9 - Melissa Dennings & Osborne
Phillips: 3 Day Magickal Retreat Workshop
Weekend - \$150

Sept. 14, 15 & 16 - Michael Bortaux: Mon-
astery of 7 Rays: Voodoo & Gnostic Teach-
ings on Time & Space Weekend Work-
shop - \$150

ALL EVENTS MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED
AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE COURSE.
MASTERCARD & VISA ACCEPTED.
NO LAST MINUTE TICKETS
REGISTER EARLY!
LIMITED SPACE

THE EVOLUTION OF WICCA

PART III

By Phoenix

When the first Christian churches were built in Britain the only workman available were the local people, many of whom were followers of the old religion. In building these churches the people incorporated in the decorations carvings of their own gods. These carvings were of nature deities, such as the "Green Man" and the 'Sheila-na-gig.' These were representations of the Horned God and the Goddess in their aspect as Lord and Lady of fertility.

During this time many people found themselves caught between the two religions. In 1282 a priest in Scotland was reprimanded for leading a dance around a phallic symbol. As the church's power grew attendance of services became compulsory. It is said that the people of the Old Religion would enter through the north door, as this was seen as a place of power. Eventually church officials realized this so many of the older churches in England are now found with this door bricked up.

Christian authorities began to realize that they couldn't turn people away from the Old Religion by conversion alone. They had to make it appear as something evil. The Horned God had to be portrayed as the devil, and Witches as ugly hags. Witchcraft became a crime punishable by death. In order to survive Wicca had to go underground being practiced secretly by small groups of initiates.



Because of the persecutions information about the Craft in this period is difficult to find. Yet there is some remarkable evidence showing that it was still being practiced. Here is a woodcut from this period entitled "The Devil And His Worshippers." This is a classic representation of the God as Lord of fertility. Around his neck is the traditional Witches necklace representing the wheel of rebirth and the Goddess. He holds a torch in one hand and a broom in the another. The torch symbolizes the Sun, while the broom is both a phallic symbol and an object which relates to the hearth and thus the Goddess.

As time went on the furor of the Witch persecutions reached a peak and then slowly faded away.

During the reign of King George II the Witchcraft Act of 1735 was installed. This in effect repealed many of the old laws by stating that Witchcraft didn't exist. Nearly nine million people had died during the persecutions and now it appeared that Witchcraft was gone.

Continued next issue



~ Hymns of Thanksgiving & Praise ~

Autumn Equinox is harvest time, a season of thanks and symbolic sacrifice, labor and the promise of rest. Now is a time of dynamic balance when summer cools and winter's food is carefully laid by and we contemplate the good things life has given to our calloused hands.

The Joy of Sumer (a fragment)

The king embraces his beloved bride,
Dumuzi embraces Inanna.
Inanna, seated on Her royal throne shines like day.
The king, like the sun, shines radiantly by Her side.
He sets abundance, lushness and beauty before Her.
He gathers the people of Sumer.

—anon. circa 2000 B.C.

The Empress

Oh Queen of Heaven

mistress of our prayers,

Oh glorious mother Eve,

you who first bore child
and gave it suck,

you who first laid hand
upon the newborn brow,

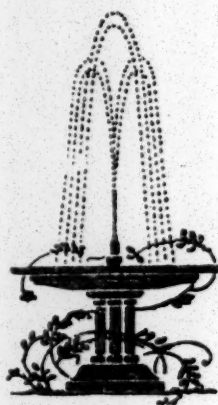
Oh Perfect Mother of Us All,

I, fruit of your womb,

call your name **Blessed**

and kneel here at your feet.

—R.W. Riley



An Ibo Poem (from West Africa)

Along the Benue River where
its waters slide into the mighty Niger
and thence through many fingers
slide into the sea,
the women and the men
together build Mbari houses,
sacred little wooden houses,
where our lady Goddess Ala
may sit upon the porch,
with child upon Her knee,
a sword sometimes in hand,
looking out upon the Ibo world
as the Ibo look at Her,
glad that She dwells close by.

—anon.

The Lord of the Elements Speaks

When the wind blows it is part of you; the Sun
gives to you and is part of you with each sunbeam;
from the water you came and the water joins you
all; without the air you breathe you could not live.
If one suffers the whole consciousness of Earth
suffers; when one rejoices the whole consciousness
knows and is part. Your bodies are one with the
environment. Oneness is right here and now.

—The Findhorn Garden

I Went to the Woods (from Walden)

I went to the woods because I wished to
live deliberately, to front only the essen-
tial facts of life, and not, when I came
to die, discover that I had not lived.

—Thoreau



Magical Unicorn Messenger

P.O. Box 1302

Findlay, Ohio 45839

A Pagan/Occult publication

Subscriptions— \$7/4 issues

Sample copies— \$2

(Pagan Products Catalog — \$2)



C.A.C.

P. O. Box 1144

Aurora, CO 80040-1144

Will you find all your occult
needs answered? YES..

We carry everything, and if
we haven't got it, we will get
it.. Catalogue \$2.50.. Big
Book catalogue \$3.00 or the
both \$4.50

ALSO THE COSMIC AWARENESS
CRYSTAL

A monthly newsletter for
today and tomorrow.

We leave no stone unturned.
\$12.00 a year Foreign \$24.00
sample copy \$1.50

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

(long) S.A.S.E. and 50¢

LESSON IN FAITH

By Sarena Remington (MS-139)

A lesson in faith, in yourself. People around you try very hard living their lives through your skin. In this instant, you'll find that people will tell you throughout your life, you should not practice witchcraft; but to tell the truth, there are very few feelings on earth that can come even close to the feelings you get when you are doing a ritual. It is similiar to the love between people of like mind and feelings. You know you are not alone. You know what you want and your mind and heart are clear and true. Remain tru to yourself and don't look back. Because, when everyone has gone, you will have to live with your decisions whatever they may be.

People of the craft know what I'm talking about. You are at peace with yourself and people around you. We have an understanding about life and nature that most people do not. We know how to love without the guilt. We know what most people only dream of. We are home.

To me the Craft is home. I have never been happier in my life. The peace is more than I could have hoped for. The love again is something else.

So the next time someone tells you that you should not practice Witchcraft, don't listen. But do listen to yourself. Have faith. You can do it. Most of us who practice the Craft don't listen to people who try to live our lives for us. This is for the others who are not in-control. I wish you peace. Make up your mind, and have faith. After all it is your life; maybe it is up to you after all.

CRAFT PUBLICATIONS

CIRCLE NETWORK NEWS (quarterly-newspaper style) Wicca/Pagan oriented.
Circle, P.O. Box 219, MT Horeb, WI 53572

COUNCIL OF MAGICKAL ARTS (occasional-journal) Craft related articles.
CMA, 5920 Bissonnet #113, Houston, TX 77081

HARVEST (on Sabbats, 8 times yearly-journal) Wicca/Pagan oriented.
Harvest, P.O. Box 228, S. Framingham, MA 01710

OF LIKE MIND (occasional-feminist-journal) Feminist/Craft related
articles. Of Like Mind, P.O. Box 6021, Madison, WI 53716

SEAX-WICA VOYS (quarterly-journal) Seax-Wica Seminary student journal
and related subjects. Seax-Wica Seminary, P.O. Box 7882, Charlottesville, VA 22906

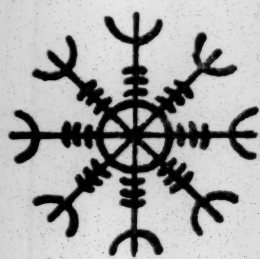
THE UNICORN (on Sabbats 8 times yearly-newsletter style) Wicca/Pagan
related articles. The Unicorn, P.O. Box 8814, Mpls, MN 55408

MAGICKAL UNICORN MESSENGER (quarterly-journal) Wicca/Pagan stories,
articles and news. Temple of Wicca, P.O. Box 1302, Findlay, OH 45839

THUNDERBOW (monthly-newsletter from Church of Seven Arrows) Craft
related news and articles. Thunderbow, 4385 Hoyt St. #201, Wheatridge,
CO 80033

SPIRIT WITHIN NEWS (occasional-newsletter) Wicca/Pagan articles with a
different out look from a group of prisoners. The Coven Of The Dawn,
c/o Rev. Wayne E. Gustafson, Box A, Thomaston, ME 04861





"QUARTERSTAFF"

The Official
Journal Letter
of the
"REFORMED CHURCH
of the
"ANCIENT CELTS"

The R.C.A.C. represents True
Celtic Craft & Culture * \$5.00
(cash) & facial photo gets in-
fo pkg & 1st 6 Issues of 1984.
Regularly \$12.00/Yr; 12 Issues

c/o PO Box 222, Adelaide Station,
Toronto, Ontario M5C 2J1 Canada.

OUR LADY OF ENCHANTMENT

WICCA SEMINARY

Center for alternative religious
studies.

Curriculum includes
complete training pro-
grams in Witchcraft,
Sorcery, Herbology and
Fortune Telling.

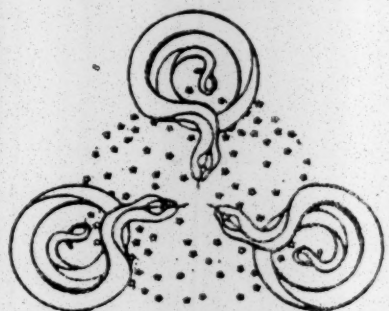
Personal and home
study programs avail-
able.

For more information
contact:

WICCA SEMINARY
P.O. Box 1366
NASHUA, NH 03061



A Universal Life Church Congregation



Of a Like Mind

P.O. Box 6021
MADISON, WI. 53716

International Q's Spiritual Network

Dedicated to bringing together Q following
a positive path to spiritual growth...

with focus on: Goddess religions
Q's MYSTERIES
PAGANISM
OUR EARTH connections

Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for info.

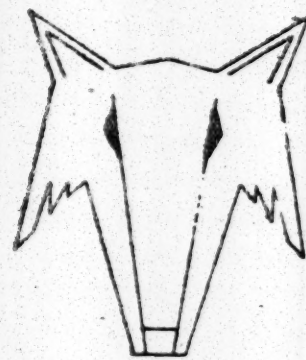
FREE NEW AGE NEWSPAPER

and catalog of Astrology, Magic, Occult
and New Age books, tapes and services.
Special sale offerings every issue. Event
calendar, reviews, articles, advertising.
Send name & address to:

The Llewellyn New Times
P.O. Box 43383
St. Paul, MN 55164-0383



Wolf's head, Ltd.



OCCULT PURVEYORS & HERBAL APOTHECARY

P.O. BOX 15553

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

70175

Catalogue upon inquiry



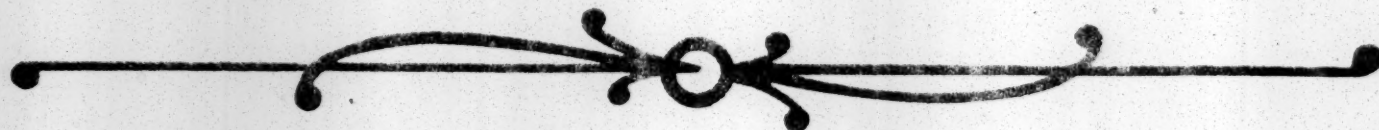
MOONSTAR

PSYCHIC & SPIRITUAL CENTER

BOOKS • SUPPLIES • CLASSES • LECTURES • READINGS

MARLO AMMON
(216) 942-5652

38422 LAKE SHORE BLVD
WILLOUGHBY, OHIO 44094



PERSONAL POWER!

WHAT IT IS!

HOW TO GET IT!

HOW TO USE IT!

HOW TO KEEP IT!

PRINCIPLES-- EXERCISES --CONTEMPLATIONS

SHAMAN'S NOTES #1 @ \$5 postpaid!

CHURCH OF SEVEN ARROWS

4385 Hoyt St. #201

Wheatridge, CO 80033



WHEN RESPONDING TO ADVERTISE-
MENTS PLEASE MENTION OUTER
COURT COMMUNICATIONS or OUR
LADY OF ENCHANTMENT
THANK YOU

**COSMIC CRYSTALS:
CRYSTAL CONSCIOUSNESS
AND THE NEW AGE**

Ra Bonewitz

This absorbing and long-awaited book reveals the hidden world of crystals: their formation, properties and their key role in the Age of Rebirth we are now experiencing—the Age of Aquarius.

COSMIC CRYSTALS describes:

- healing and meditation with crystals
- crystals and planetary healing
- crystal dowsing
- energy effects of crystals
- growing your own crystals

Ra Bonewitz is the foremost authority on the spiritual aspects of crystals. A scientist, professional geologist, psychic and mystic, he is a unique combination of the practical and the intuitive.

176 pages

\$9.95 plus \$2.00 postage

MENTION THIS AD & DEDUCT 10%

ATHENE6851 Bird Road
Miami, Florida 33155

Catalogue —\$2.00

**THE MAGICK OF SORCERY**

ADVANCED TEACHINGS IN WITCHCRAFT

The powers of Witchcraft & Magick are natural, not supernatural, and we believe that everyone has these powers. The development of these powers hinges on training and determination. Learn to master the secrets of the Ancient Mystic Masters with this complete home study course.

Enroll today by completing the form below. Mail with your registration fee of \$20.00 and we will send you your introduction to this exciting course.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

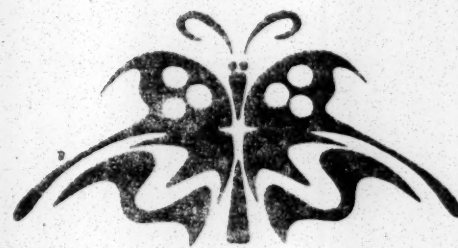
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Make checks payable to OUR LADY OF ENCHANTMENT. Mail registration to;

OUR LADY OF ENCHANTMENT

P.O. BOX 1366

NASHUA, NH 03061

**Druidism!**

P. E. I. Bonewitz, author of *Real Magic*, is organizing a totally new Pan-Celtic, Pan-European "reconstructionist" tradition of Neopagan Druidism, based on sound scholarship, competent artistry and hard work. For details, send \$1 plus S.A.S.E. to: *Ar nDraíocht Féin*, Box 456, New York, NY 10034.

OUTER COURT COMMUNICATIONS, is published 8 times a year, prior to each of the Eight Sabbats. This is a newsletter written for and by students and members of "Our Lady Of Enchantment." Presently our readership includes students & members in the British Isles, Japan, Nigeria, Australia, France, Switzerland, China, West Germany, Holland, Bahamas, Mexico, Canada and the USA.

STAFF MEMBERS; Editor-Lady Sabrina, Assistant Editor - Lord Phoenix
Contributing Editor and Production Assistant Stone & Curunir

ADVERTISING; For more information on our advertising rates please send an SASE to "OUTER COURT COMMUNICATIONS" advertising, Box 1366, Nashua, NH 03061.

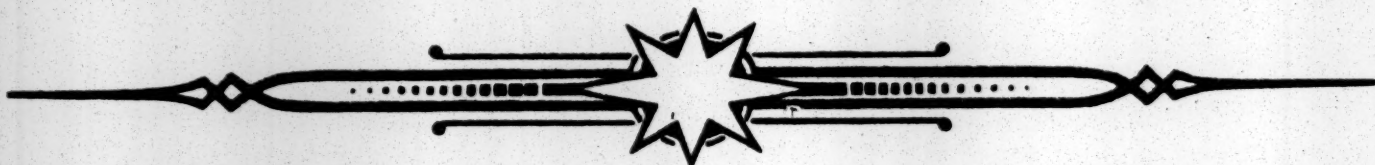
SUBSCRIBE TO OUTER COURT COMMUNICATIONS

I want to receive "Outer Court Communications" for the next year. I have enclosed \$12.00 USA First Class _____ \$16.00 _____ USA funds for Foreign mail. Subscriptions include postage.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____



P.O. Box 1366
Nashua, NH 03061

BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
NASHUA, NH
PERMIT NO. 326



Pagana
P.O. Box 9494
San Jose CA 95157